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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: VISIT TO WALL AT POTSDAMER PLATZ

REF: USBERLIN 1420, PARA 5

1. AS MENTIONED REFTTEL, WE HAVE FOUND AN EXCELLENT LOCATION FOR OBSERVING WHAT THE WALL HAS DONE TO THIS CITY AT A POINT ABOUT 100 METERS SOUTH OF THE EXISTING VIEWING STAND AT POTSDAMER PLATZ. EXISTING VIEWING STAND WAS ERECTED BEFORE BERLIN SENAT PURCHASED FROM THE EAST GERMANS THE OLD POTSDAMER BAHNHOF AREA BETWEEN POTSDAMER PLATZ AND THE LANDWEHR CANAL. NEW VIEWING LOCATION, WHICH WE BELIEVE BEST FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT, IS ON THE NEWLY PURCHASED GROUND AT A POINT WHERE NORTH-SOUTH AND EAST-WEST SECTIONS OF THE WALL INTERSECT IN A CURVING, 90 DEGREE TURN. A VIEWING STAND PLACED OPPOSITE THIS CURVE IN THE WALL WILL AFFORD A VIEW OF A BROAD AREA OF THE OLD PART OF BERLIN FROM THE BRANDENBURG GATE TO THE LEFT AND THE AREA OF THE FORMER REICHSKANZLEI AND FOREIGN MINISTRY, LEIPZIGER PLATZ, AND THE FORMER GERMAN AIR MINISTRY ON THE RIGHT.

2. WE ARE POUCHING TO EUR AND TO S/S-MR. ANDERSON
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COPIES OF MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH DEPICT THE LOCATION IN DETAIL.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF STANDS WILL BE UNDER THE JOINT SUPERVISION OF THE SENAT PRESS OFFICE, THE U.S. ARMY BERLIN ENGINEERING AND INSTALLATIONS DIVISION, AND A PRIVATE BERLIN CONSTRUCTION FIRM. SENAT'S PRESS OFFICE

IS EXPERIENCED IN SUCH CONSTRUCTION AND KNOWS PRECISELY HOW TO LOCATE PRESS AND TV STANDS IN TERMS OF FAVORABLE LIGHT AND CAMERA ANGLES. U.S. ARMY ENGINEERING REPRESENTATIVE WILL HAVE MONITORING ROLE.

4. WE WILL POSTPONE BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION OF THE STANDS UNTIL WE HEAR FROM THE DEPARTMENT. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF CONSTRUCTION TIME IS TEN WORKING DAYS. WE WILL OBTAIN SOONEST A DEFINITIVE ESTIMATE FROM SENAT.

5. USCOB CONCURS.GEORGE

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